

DISABILITY EXAMINER FACT SHEET

Family Independence Agency

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Responsibilities of a Disability Examiner

Employees in this classification function as professional disability examiners, completing or overseeing a variety of assignments to ensure that all medical and personal information meet program evidentiary standards for the evaluation and determination of eligibility for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), State Disability Assistance (SDA) and/or related work exemptions or deferral programs based on medically determinable impairment. The work entails extensive gathering of medical and personal histories and the application of laws, rules, regulations and policy directives in the determination process.

Rate of Pay

Salary upon appointment is based on the guidelines and rules established through the State of Michigan Compensation Plan. The minimum and maximum have pay rates are as follows:

Disability Examiner 9 \$15.14-\$ 18.35/hr

Disability Examiner 10 \$15.14-\$ 19.47/hr

Disability Examiner Pt I \$16.92-\$21.85/hr

Note: Employees generally progress through this series to the experienced level based on satisfactory performance and possession of the required experience.

Vacancies Available

May vary throughout the State. Specific vacancies cannot be determined at this time.

Education and Experience Requirements

Education: Possession of a bachelor's degree with a major in rehabilitation counseling, guidance and counseling, special education, social work, psychology, child development, sociology, nursing, physician assistant, pre-medical vocational rehabilitation, clinical psychology, health, physical therapy, anatomy, or bio-physics.

Recognized Alternatives:

Possession of a master's degree with a major in rehabilitation counseling, guidance and counseling, special education, social work, psychology, child development, sociology, nursing, physician assistant, pre-medical vocational rehabilitation, clinical psychology, health, physical therapy, anatomy, or bio-physics may substitute for six months of professional experience in the evaluation and/or adjudication of disability claims.

Credit for a master's degree can be used only once during the progression of the position from the entry (9) level to the intermediate (10) level, or from the intermediate level to the experienced (P11) level. It shall not be allowed at the advanced (12) level or above.

Experience:

Disability Examiner 9

No specific type or amount of experience is required.

Disability Examiner 10

One year of professional experience adjudicating, analyzing, and determining eligibility for disability claims, equivalent to a Disability Examiner 9 in state service.

Disability Examiner P11

Two years of professional experience adjudicating, analyzing, and determining eligibility for disability claims, which will include one year as a Disability Examiner 10 in state service.

How to Apply

Agencies: Please provide detailed information about the methods the candidates should use to apply for jobs within your agency.